

**Business Strategy, Private Equity and
Corporate Law
Integrating Business and Legal Decision Making in the Modern
Corporate Environment
Law 542401
Management 785401
Legal Studies 785401
Course Information & Syllabus
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Course Information:

This course explores strategic, business and legal decision making in a fluid real world corporate context. Classes will cover a series of timely financial and legal subjects as well as case studies that deal with topical problems in corporate governance, investment strategy, finance, executive compensation, and potential corporate and criminal behavior. Press, public market reaction, and governmental/political considerations will be integrated into the discussion. All students will be required to participate in one major team project. An equal number of graduate law and business students will participate. The instructor, a 30 year veteran and partner at a major private equity firm, is also an attorney and CPA. No pre-requisites.

There is no required textbook for this course. Required readings will be posted on the course portal. The course portal will also include suggested supplemental readings which are optional based on background and level of interest.

Course requirements include:

1. Regular class attendance and participation. (30% of Grade)
2. Participation in one major team project which will include a class presentation and a written paper at the end of the term. (40% of Grade)
3. Participation in two smaller team projects and two individual assignments. (30% of Grade)

The major projects will cover a variety of subjects including (a) crime in a business context; (b) private equity; (c) investment strategy; (d) deal negotiation; (e) compensation; (f) corporate governance; and (g) structuring corporate transactions. Team assignments will be based on student preference.

Scheduling Note:

The first half of the course will involve class discussions on a variety of topics and include guest speakers. The second half of the course will largely consist of team project presentations and related class discussion.

TOPIC AREAS

Investing

Fiduciary Duties of the Corporate Board

Accounting

Capital Structure and Financing Transactions

Merger and Acquisition Agreements

Crime in Business

Private Equity

Compensation

Various Corporate Statutes and Related Regulations

Team Projects and Guest Speakers